Infiltration of Terrorists

2637. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration of terrorists has increased after the earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of incidents of bomb blasts in the State in 2006 resulting in deaths of armed as well as civilians as a result thereof;

(c) the number of terrorists killed/arrested in 2006; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to tighten the security to check the infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir. As per the information furnished by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the overall estimated infiltration in the State from October 8,2005 to May 7, 2006 (post-earthquake period) was 80 as compared to 201 for the corresponding period of seven months from March 10,2005 to October 7,2005 (pre-earthquake period).

(b) In 2006 (till April 30), 20 incidents of explosion/Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) blasts took place resulting in the death of 2 Security Force personnel as well as 3 civilians.

(c) 162 terrorists have been killed and 92 arrested in the State, in 2006 (till April 30).

(d) The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/ Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.